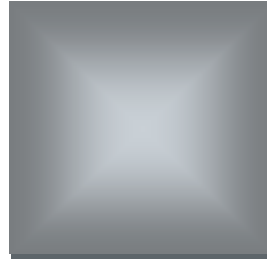


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## CONSTRUCTION

### IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



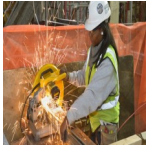
#### Executive Summary

In 2019, the **Construction** sector continues to be sensitive to the volatilities of the business cycle, so this percentage is subject to show more variation than other industries. This sector had an average annual wage of \$58,789 in 2019, which was an average annual increase of \$1,438 from the \$57,351 in 2018. The \$58,789 in 2019 is 17.21 percent higher than the statewide average of \$48,672 for all industries (publics and private sector).

During the recession, this sector suffered a decline in employment of 15.4 percent from 2008 thru 2010. We have seen employment continue to grow from 82,170 in 2016 to 77,420 in 2017. In 2018, the employment increased to 78,699 and in 2019, it was 79,733.

Men continue to make up majority of this industry, holding 87.2 percent of the jobs. This is a slight decline from 2018, when men held 87.4 percent. Interesting point, there was a larger increase from 2018 (9,291) to 2019 (9,558) of 267 women holding jobs in construction versus the increase of 60 women from 2017 (9,231) to 2018.





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### What is Construction?

The **Construction** sector is comprised of establishments primarily engaged in the construction of buildings, engineering projects (e.g., highways and utility systems) or in the construction trades.

Establishments primarily engaged in the preparation of sites for new construction or primarily engaged in subdividing land for sale as building sites are also included in this sector.

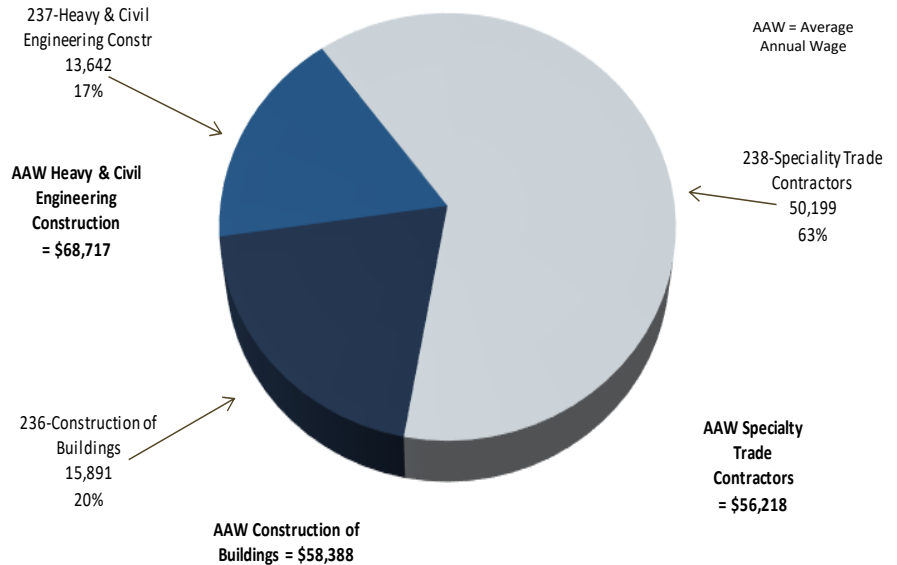
Construction work done may include new work, additions, alterations or maintenance and repairs. Activities of these establishments generally are managed at a fixed place of business, but they usually perform construction activities at multiple project sites.

Source: [www.bls.gov/cew/bls\\_naics/bls\\_naics\\_app.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cew/bls_naics/bls_naics_app.htm)

### 2019 Industry Breakout by Employment in Iowa

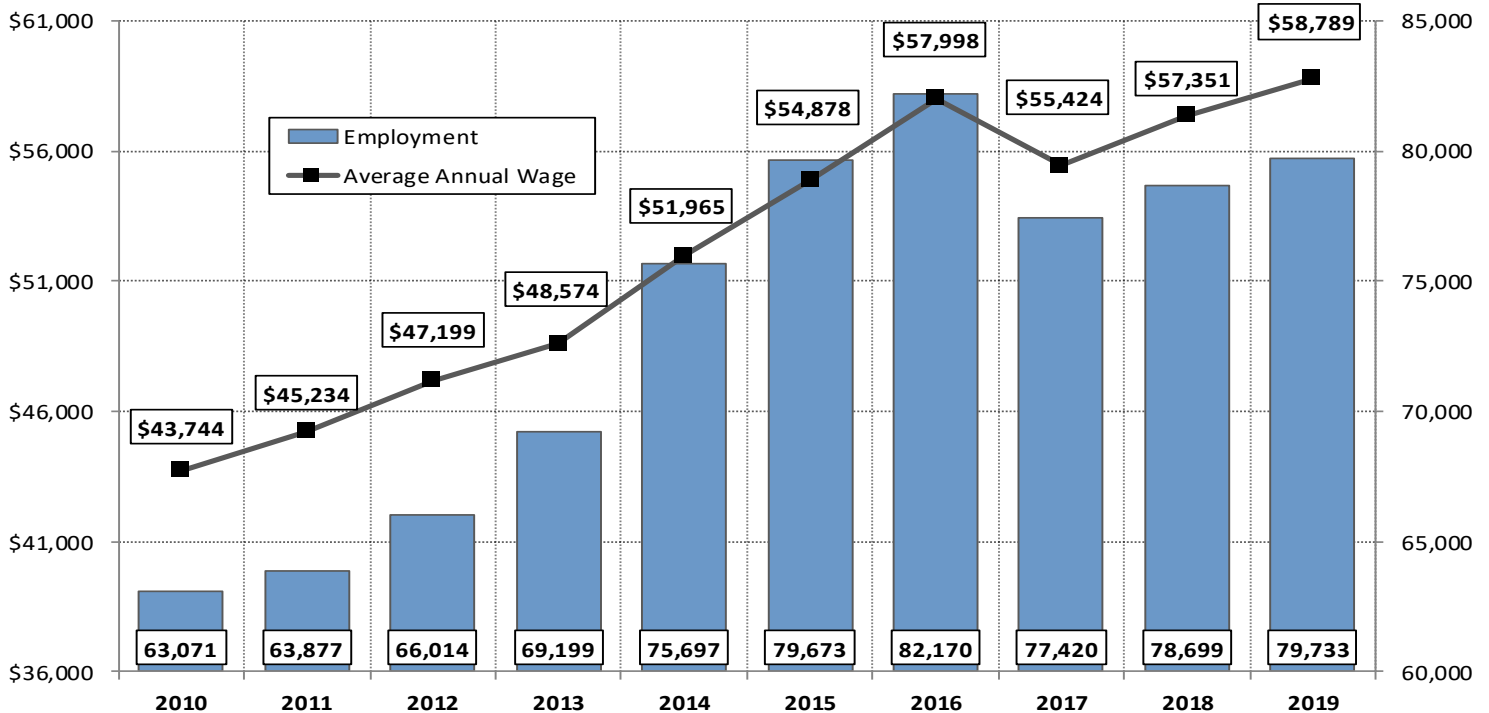
Construction NAICS Industry Coding

Percentage Employed and Average Annual Wage by Subsector



Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Iowa Workforce Development

### 2010–2019 Employment in Construction in Iowa



Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Iowa Workforce Development

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Top Occupations in Construction	Employment
Construction Laborers	10,579
Electricians	6,106
Carpenters	5,151
First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	5,010
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	3,600
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	3,589
Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	3,129
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	2,939
Construction Managers	2,433
Office Clerks, General	2,104
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	1,907
Construction and Related Workers, All Other	1,774
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1,734
Sheet Metal Workers	1,490
Painters, Construction and Maintenance	1,379
Roofers	1,145
Cost Estimators	1,064
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	943
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	928
Helpers--Electricians	926

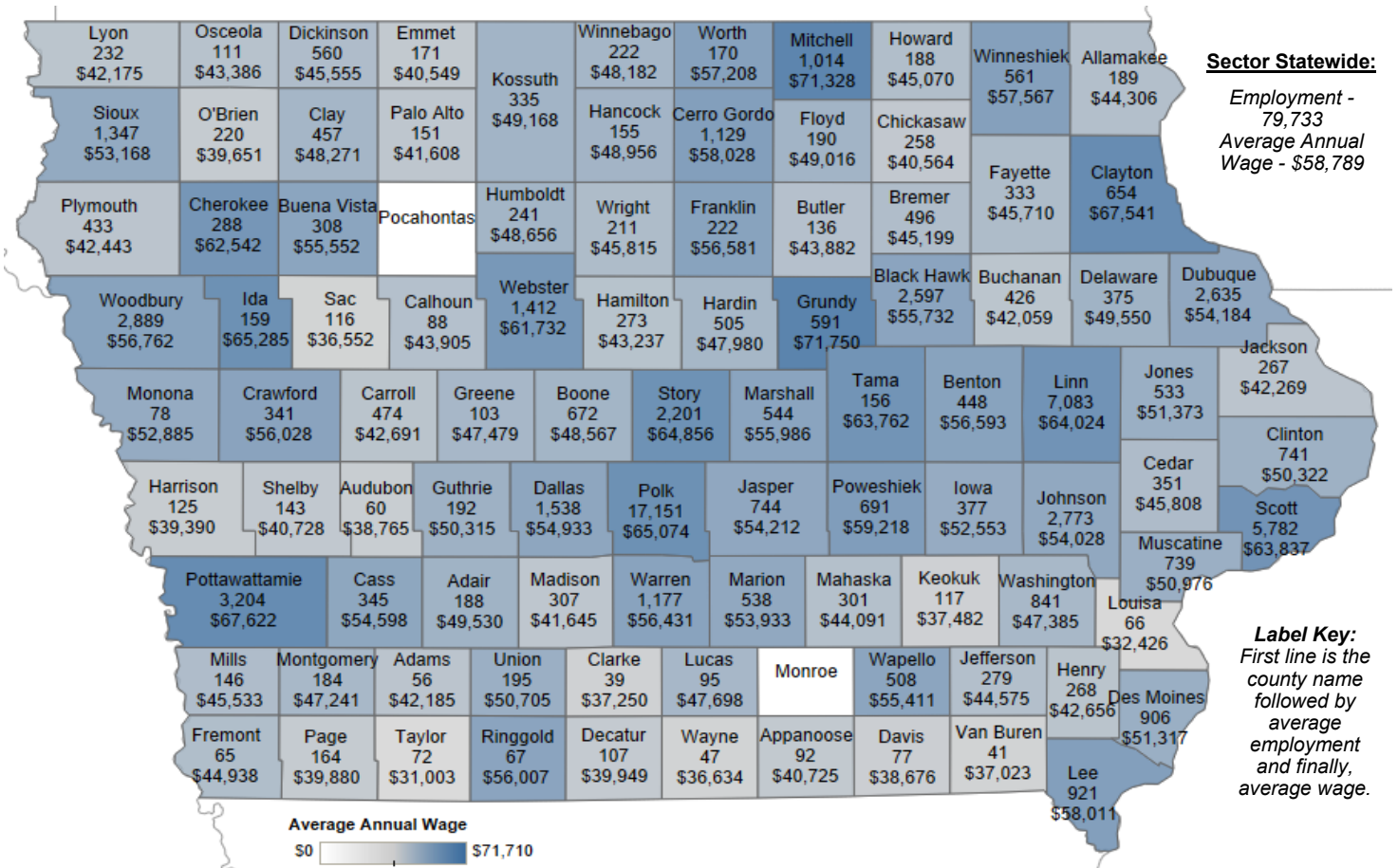
Source: Iowa Workforce Development, Labor Market Information Industry and Occupational Projections (2018-2028 Long-Term Projections)

### Establishment Facts:

In 2019, there were 9,591 **Construction** employers across the state. The subsector with the most establishments and employees was **Specialty Trade contractors**, with 5,932 and 50,199 respectively. **Heavy & Civil Engineering construction**, however, had the highest average annual wage, at \$68,717.

The employers listed to the left are classified in the subsector that reflects their primary industry, although each company may be engaged in other economic activities.

### 2019 Covered Employment in Construction by County



Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Iowa Workforce Development

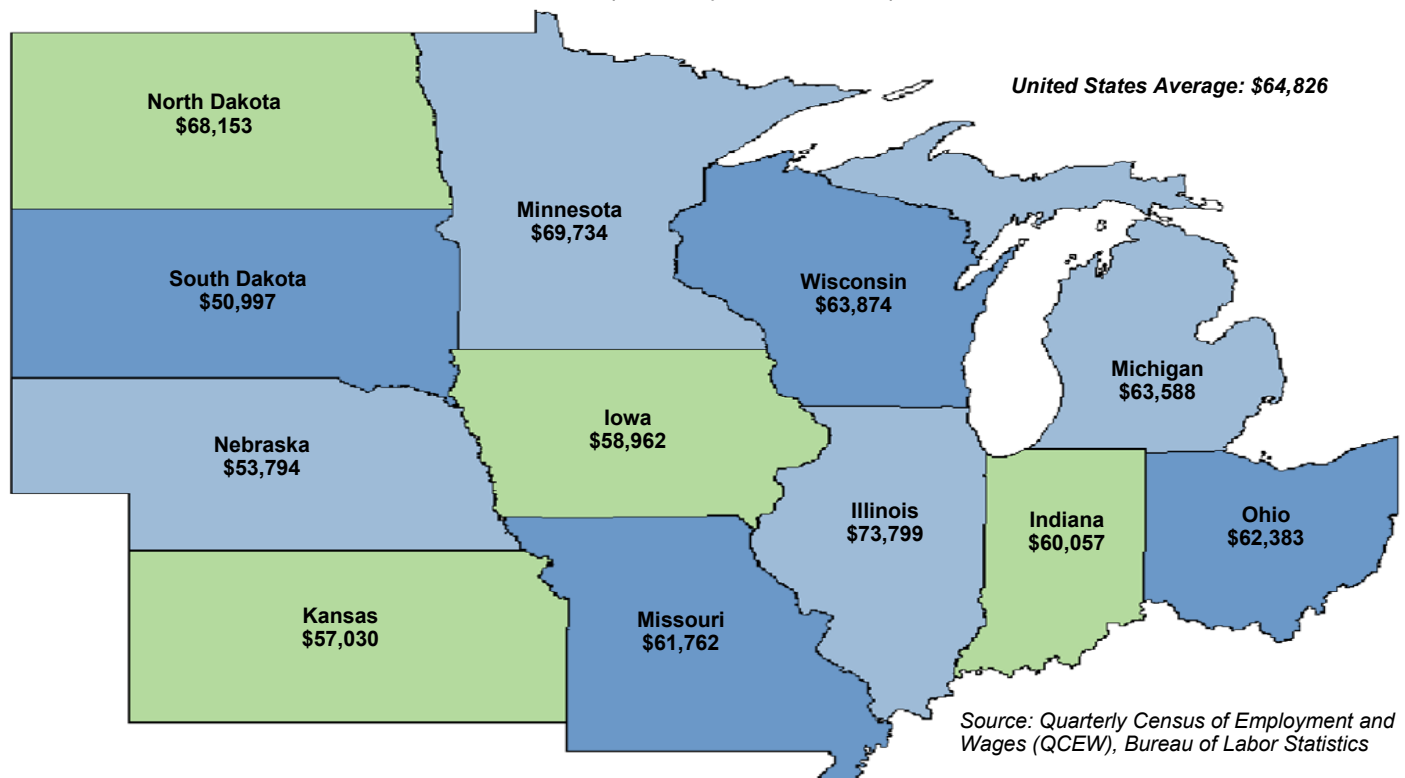
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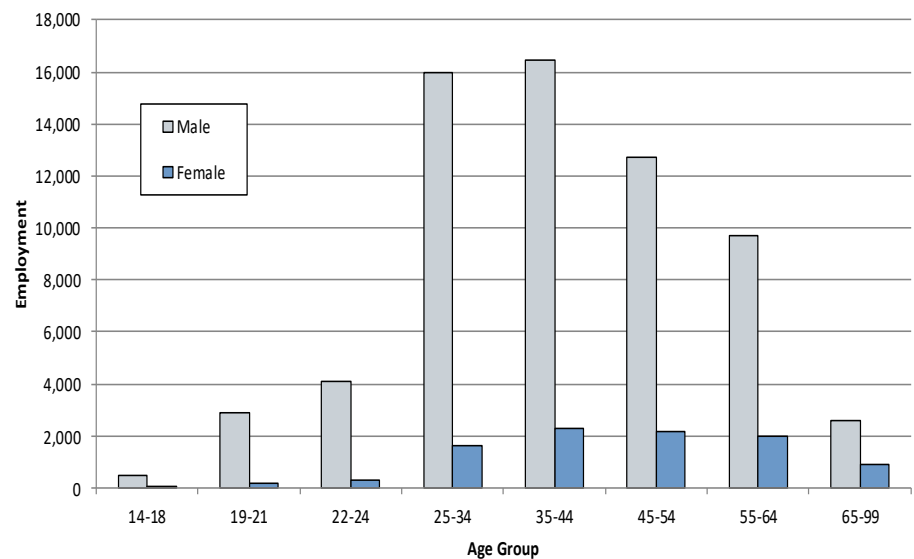


### 2019 Average Annual Wage for Covered Employment in Construction

State Comparisons by Private Ownership



### Industry Distribution by Age and Gender, 2nd Quarter 2019



Source: Local Employment Dynamics, Iowa Workforce Development and U.S. Census Bureau  
<https://lehd.ces.census.gov/>

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